

Children's Justice Initiative

Understanding and Applying ICWA: Purpose, Strategies, Practice, and Resources

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Virtual Training via Zoom

Faculty

Hon. Jamie Cork, District Court Judge, Dakota County

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| 1:30 – 1:40 | Introductions and Learning Objectives |
| 1:40 – 2:20 | Historical and Cultural Perspectives Leading to the ICWA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of Federal Indian Policy: Dealing With the “Indian Problem” • Boarding Schools & Adoption Project: Policies and Practices Necessitating the ICWA |
| 2:20 – 2:45 | Trauma: Historical, Personal, and Intergenerational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Trauma • Disproportionality Then and Now • What Disproportionality Means for Indian Children |
| 2:45 – 3:00 | Break |
| 3:00 – 4:15 | Understanding and Applying the Requirements of ICWA, Regs, and MIFPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressional and State Legislative Findings and Goals • Minnesota Tribal State Agreement (TSA) • Definitions • When ICWA Applies • Exclusive and Concurrent Tribal Court and State Court Jurisdiction • Transfer to Tribal Court • Tribal Lineage Inquiry by Social Services Agency and Court • Notice of State Court Proceeding by Social Services Agency • Notice of Hearings by Court Administration • How to Contact a Tribe • Intervention in State Court Proceedings |
| 4:15 - 4:30 | Questions, Wrap Up and Adjourn |

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